

Qadhafi: Throw out U.S. at any cost

BEIRUT, Nov. 23 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi says his country would join forces "even with the devil" if the Non-aligned Movement fails to help it get rid of "American terrorism." The official Libyan news agency JANA said Col. Qadhafi was speaking at a banquet in Tripoli last night in honour of visiting Yugoslav President Sergej Kraigher. He said Libya still hoped the Non-aligned Movement would help it "remove the atmosphere of American terrorism and live in peace and security." "But failing this, and for the sake of self-defence, it will be compelled to accept a military confrontation with American forces on its border... and be allied even with the devil for the purpose."

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Foreign labour boom leads to money outflow

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Remittances abroad from Arab and foreign workers employed in Jordan during the first half of this year reached JD 26 million, compared with figures for all of last year totalling JD 46 million, and JD 24 million in 1979, a spokesman at the Ministry of Labour said today. Non-Jordanian workers obtaining work permits in first 10 months of this year totalled 78,949, including 64,621, Arab workers, the spokesman added. Egyptian workers alone totalled 58,749, while workers from Asian countries totalled 16,045 including 3,893 from India, 1,527 from South Korea and 1,119 from Pakistan. These figures do not include housemaids, who are not required to obtain work permits.

By comparison, the number of workers who obtained work permits in all of 1979 totalled 26,315, which rose to 79,566 workers in 1980.

W. Bank journalist to receive Kreisky Human Rights Award

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Mrs. Raymonda Tawil, a Palestinian journalist in the occupied West Bank, left today for Vienna via Amman to accept a human rights prize from Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. The presentation ceremony is to be held on Nov. 27. Mrs. Tawil has been awarded Bruno Kreisky Human Rights Award for her work in advancing Jewish-Arab relations and the rights of women in the West Bank. She is well known to journalists and diplomats here for her promotion of the Palestinian cause — work which once prompted the Israeli occupation authorities to put her under house arrest.

Libya, Syria urges Sudan's exclusion from Arab League

FEZ, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Libya and Syria urged Arab foreign ministers today to exclude Sudan from the Arab League because of its close links with Egypt, Arab diplomatic sources reported. The sources said the foreign ministers of 20 Arab nations and the Palestine Liberation Organisation took no action on the proposal, but Libyan and Syrian delegates were expected to renew it at the Arab summit conference opening here Nov. 23. Egypt was expelled from the Arab League in 1978 for signing the Camp David agreements with Israel.

Delhi expels three Pakistani embassy aides

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (R) — Three Pakistani embassy employees were expelled today on charges of engaging in espionage activities, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. The expulsion followed a statement by an official Indian spokesman that an embassy employee had been caught receiving confidential documents about Indian defence matters and had admitted taking part in intelligence operations, it said. Earlier the Pakistani embassy said that an accounts clerk in the mission had been beaten up by plainclothes men and held at a police station for four hours.

Pentagon clears last hurdle for sale of fighters to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — The Reagan administration's \$1.1 billion sale of F-16 jet fighters will probably be offered to Pakistan in the next few days and signed in a matter of weeks, a U.S. Defence Department spokesman said today. Congress' 30-day period for vetoing the sale expired last night. Veto resolutions were rejected last week by both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Europeans uncommitted to Camp David accords in full EEC statement views Sinai role 'contribution to Mideast peace'

PARIS, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — Four European Community members today issued a statement confirming their participation in the peace-keeping force in Sinai after Israel pulls out of the peninsula in April 1982.

France, Britain, Italy and the Netherlands issued simultaneous statements which said, the force "will exist uniquely to maintain peace after the Israeli withdrawal" and is being established "in the absence of a decision by the United Nations to create an international force."

The declaration said the four countries might reconsider their decision if the U.N. moved ahead with its own peace-keeping force.

A statement issued in Paris linked the decision to the 1980 European Economic Community (EEC) peace initiative on the Middle East which has been rejected by Israel.

It said the United States, Egypt

and Israel had been informed of the decision in a message which also set out the political terms for participation.

The joint text was the subject of a month-long dispute between the EEC, Israel and the United States.

The message said they saw their participation as contributing to the process of an overall settlement in the Middle East.

"They consider their support for the agreements relative to the implementation of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as completely distinct from and independent from the rest of the Camp David process," the message said.

The peacekeeping force of 2,500 men, due to take up position when Israel withdraws on April 25 from the last one-third of the Sinai it holds, forms part of the Egyptian-Israeli agreement which followed the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords.

The European message said the

four governments regarded their action as helping to implement United Nations Resolution 242 on Israel's withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967.

They also said their participation did not in any way modify their respective positions on the question of a Middle East settlement.

The decision stems from their policy defined in their statement published in Venice in June 1980 and in later statements, it said.

"While emphasising guarantees for the security of the state of Israel, this policy also insists as much on justice for the Palestinian people and its right to self-determination. It equally implies that the PLO should be associated with the process leading to overall peace."

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Mr. Weinberger said it was not clear what Washington would sign a memorandum of agreement with Israel on U.S. defence measures in the Middle East, but he said it could not be called a new strategic relationship.

The defence secretary said he did not know whether the accord would provide for stockpiling war materials in Israel.

Another Israeli official said nothing had been settled yet, but he added: "We are sorry to see

that Washington seems to be downgrading the agreement, which we hope is not the case.

"But if there are no genuine points of strategic cooperation, then Mr. Sharon will not be signing anything."

Israeli leaders have not disclosed exactly what they expect from the proposed agreement, but according to news reports they want the U.S. to stockpile weapons in Israel, to service American planes and naval vessels in Israeli facilities.

One Israeli official said a special cabinet meeting would probably be held at the end of the week to give Mr. Sharon final guidelines on the sort of agreement Israel seeks.

"We have made it abundantly clear in the past and say again that Israel will not accept an accord on strategic cooperation unless it contains some real substance," the official told Reuters.

"Israel has been given to understand that the agreement will provide for more than the storage of bandages and iodine in times of emergency."

The official was referring to remarks by U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig in television interviews yesterday that the agreement will include the stockpiling of medical supplies in

Washington deputes Haig to rally Mexico against Nicaraguan rebels

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig flew to Mexico City today to try to persuade Mexican leaders that a Communist military buildup in Nicaragua must be taken seriously.

Mr. Haig will have a series of talks with Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda and is expected to meet President Jose Lopez Portillo.

His 24-hour trip precedes a meeting of the Organisation of American States (OAS) in St. Lucia on Dec. 2, at which he will put to other Latin American leaders the U.S. view of a communist-threatened Central America.

The secretary of state set the scene for his visit yesterday by saying it was "vitally important" for countries in the area to recognise the threat of the "huge military buildup" in Nicaragua.

The United States claims that Cuba is pouring arms into Nicaragua for use by leftist guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed government in neighbouring El Salvador.

In a television interview yesterday, Mr. Haig refused to rule out the possibility of a naval blockade of Nicaragua.

White House counselor Edwin Meese, in a separate interview, also repeated President Reagan's promise not to send U.S. troops to Central America, but he held open the blockade possibility.

Mexico has friendly relations with both Nicaragua and Cuba and recognises the Nicaraguan guerrillas as a "representative political force" in that country.

Eanes to discuss Afro-Europe bridge

LISBON, Nov. 23 (R) — President Antonio Ramalho Eanes leaves tomorrow for Mozambique intent on building a bridge between Portugal's former colonies in Africa and West Europe.

Gen. Eanes will not only be the first Portuguese president to visit Mozambique since its independence in 1975 but also the first western head of state to be received by the Marxist government in Maputo.

Mozambique will be Gen. Eanes' first stop on an African tour that will also take him to Zambia and Tanzania, two of the

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Today's Weather

It will be slightly warmer, with light and variable winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northwesterly moderate and sea calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	3	17
Aqaba	11	24
Deserts	1	17
Jordan Valley	12	22

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 15, Aqaba 22. Humidity readings: Amman 29 per cent, Aqaba 25 per cent.

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Qaddouri leaves for Arab summit

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) Secretary General Fakhri Qaddouri left Amman for Morocco today, to attend the meetings of the 12th Arab summit conference which will begin in Fez on Wednesday.

Dr. Qaddouri said he hoped that the Fez summit would assert the need for expediting the implementation of the economic resolutions adopted by the Aswan summit.

Dr. Qaddouri explained that the significance of implementing these resolutions rests in the fact that they represent a qualitative step in Arab economic action, and that the Arab nation is in dire need of implementing these resolutions.

Euro-nuclear dispute dominates Bonn talks

BONN, Nov. 23 (R) — A dispute over the balance of nuclear weapons in Europe dominated the start of talks in Bonn today between Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, their official spokesman indicated.

Statements by the spokesman after a first three-hour round of discussions made clear the two leaders set out conflicting views on the nuclear arms issue. There was no hint of any narrowing of the gap between them.

Mr. Brezhnev, on his first visit to the West since Moscow sent troops into Afghanistan nearly two years ago, told Mr. Schmidt the main issue was how to avert the danger he said was posed to Europe by NATO plans for deployment of new U.S. medium-range missiles.

His official spokesman, Leonid Zamyatkin, quoted him as saying the Soviet Union would start arms talks in Geneva next Monday on the assumption that approximate military parity was enough to ensure security.

"Ladies and gentlemen, there is Europe approximate parity in the field of nuclear weapons," Mr. Zamyatkin said.

Mr. Schmidt flatly rejected the Soviet argument, telling Mr. Brezhnev Moscow had increased its arsenal of SS-20 medium-range missiles to more than 250 since the Soviet leader's last visit to Bonn in May 1978.

Mr. Sudeiri also criticised Arab countries for not welcoming the coming to power in Egypt of President Mubarak "because Egypt is not an enemy state."

The chancellor's chief spokesman, Kurt Becker, said Mr. Schmidt recalled a joint declaration made at the time that no-one should seek military

One of the defectors identified

Jordan supports Fahd plan

FEZ, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — Jordan views the Saudi Arabian eight-point blueprint for peace in the Middle East as a "positive development in the Arab position," Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem announced today.

Addressing a meeting here of Arab foreign ministers, who are debating the agenda for Wednesday's 12th Arab summit, Mr. Qasem said Jordan "finds the contents (of the Saudi plan announced last August by Crown Prince Fahd) conform to international resolutions and are in harmony with resolutions adopted at Arab and Islamic summit conferences."

"We realise that the plan stemmed from the eagerness of the fraternal kingdom to crystallise a unified Arab visualisation fit to be a basis for resolving the Middle East issue and the Palestine issue

superiority. There was still "full justification" for such a formula, he said.

Hassan stresses need to establish pharmaceutical common market

By Maaz D. Shukayr
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Nov. 23 — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today called for the establishment of an Arab pharmaceutical common market.

Addressing the opening session here of the Seventh Congress of Arab Pharmacists on behalf of His

Majesty King Hussein, Prince

Malhas, who said it was "unacceptable" that "some big" world pharmaceutical manufacturing companies "have brandished the sword of bargaining, exploitation and monopoly."

This, Dr. Malhas said, necessitates "an integrated medicines strategy for the Arab World, in accordance with which the Arab governments must effectively participate in the production of pharmaceuticals so that our health independence becomes strong."

Prince Hassan told the three-day congress the Arab Nation "possesses those scientific, technical and financial potentials that enable it to progress in all fields."

In Jordan, the Crown Prince said, an "ambitious plan has been drawn up in the framework of the Five-Year Plan (1981-1985) to develop science and technology."

But, he cautioned, "the need still exists for the development and encouragement of cooperation between all institutions involved in the health sector to

isation," because Jordan believes that the Palestine issue is the crux of the dispute in the Middle East.

Mr. Qasem said, "We shall steadfastly our heroic people in the occupied areas and their heroic stand in the face of the Zionist despotism and tyranny. We declare that we will continue to render our support and assistance to them to enhance their steadfastness and strengthen their resolution to foil the designs of the occupation authorities."

Later today, Saudi Arabia said it would submit its Middle East peace plan to this week's Arab League summit despite stiff opposition from some of the Arab countries.

After a four-hour preparatory meeting Saudi Foreign Minister Saad Al Faisal told reporters he hoped the Arab heads of state would take a united stand on the plan.

The foreign minister added that the heads of state would have to decide for themselves whether to discuss it.

Conference sources said Iraq, Syria and the PLO, had wanted to delay discussion of the plan until the next summit.

Qadhafi plots to assassinate Niger leader, U.S. daily says

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi is plotting to assassinate the president of Niger, according to a newspaper report citing U.S. intelligence documents.

In a copyright story Sunday, the Bulletin said U.S. intelligence sources believe Col. Qadhafi is planning to kill the Niger President Seyni Kountche, because he has restricted uranium sales to Libya.

According to the Bulletin, the documents show that a group of Niger officials involved in a plot to kill Mr. Kountche defected to Libya two months ago.

One of the defectors identified

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Kuwait pulls up Reagan for remarks on Jerusalem

KUWAIT, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Kuwait has asked American President Ronald Reagan to clarify his remarks that occupied Jerusalem should forever stay under Israeli control. Calling Mr. Reagan's statement "contradictory," Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Abdul Aziz Hussein, said "We also hope that the Reagan statement was made under pressure of the Jewish leaders."

The White House has confirmed Mr. Reagan told a group of American Jewish leaders last Thursday that he "preferred for Jerusalem to remain undivided under Israeli sovereignty." Official U.S. policy ever since Israel occupied Arab-Jerusalem in 1967 has been that its future is a matter to be negotiated. A State Department spokesman last Friday said that while the White House let the Reagan remark stand, this did not represent a departure from American policy. "There are contradictory statements made by the U.S. administration," the Kuwaiti minister said.

Yemeni presidents in

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How to use TV to get messages across

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a four-part series in which Meg Abu Hamdan examines Jordan Television.

In the first part, published yesterday, the station's growth and future plans were discussed. Today, some leading programme directors explain how they prefer to tackle the society's problems.

MANY OF JTV's production officials feel, like Programme Director Marwan Khair, that the powerful medium of television should be used to help improve Jordanian society. Their programmes in general tend to be serious pieces of work that try in many different ways to get across the messages and ideas they themselves are committed to.

Director Saad Al Fayyad's latest drama series "Sun of the Jordan Valley" received a very favourable feedback in the form of letters, telephone calls and personal contact. It deals with agricultural problems associated with the five-year-plan and is shot on location. The people, at whom the series was aimed, could obviously easily identify with the characters, their feelings and dilemmas. Mr. Fayyad, in his usual way, did not offer solutions for their problems, but merely took the facts and laid them before the viewer.

Mr. Fayyad's next drama series "A Village without Roots", deals with the migration of rural populations to the cities. The idea came when he visited a village near Zarqa, where nearly 200 old houses stand empty and roofless, deserted by their people who left to work at the refineries in Zarqa.

This was an increasingly common sight in Jordan, but it prompted Mr. Fayyad to comment about how in general, once their villages are left behind, these people forget their land, their culture, their traditions and their life.

"Although we are a developing country, we have to have future plans not to turn our backs to our villages. We have to have both cities and rural communities, or

else we will be without any background, any roots," said Mr. Fayyad.

Victoria Omeish, on the other hand, highlights the problems experienced by Jordanian women in a fast changing society, where new values and attitudes often conflict with more traditional roles.

"In ten short years, women have to share the role of providing an income for the family. Work is no longer for prestige or fun, but an economic necessity," she explained.

In her documentaries -- often dramatised -- Miss Omeish examines the negative aspects of certain traditional customs, while emphasising the need to hang onto a past identity. Future programmes planned by this director, whose work often goes out at peak viewing times reflecting the strong feedback, are ambitious, varied and extremely topical. There will be a weekly magazine programme dealing with the educational, medical and psychological aspects of family life; a weekly series on the

activities of Jordanian women; as well as 13 documentaries which will feature women in unusual and demanding jobs, women who have overcome serious handicaps, and those who have excelled in their field.

"Please, just a Moment" is the title for her programme in which she will criticise certain attitudes and behaviours that are detrimental to society, while "Good Evening Jordan", planned to go out on both channels, will examine Jordanian traditions and folklore from a "new positive point of view".

Another programme that receives very positive feedback is the daily "Madafat al Haj Mazen". Here, a group of traditionally dressed actors sit together in a set designed like the interior of a typical Jordanian house and chat ad lib about all relevant social problems from the prevention of cholera to state benefits. Simple, spontaneous and enjoyably helpful, it is directed energetically by Ibrahim Abu Russa.

Fadi Mimi, one of the very few directors making programmes for both channels, never lets up in his attempts to awaken and arouse interest in the art and culture in Jordan. Last season, he covered all the major art and handicraft exhibitions in Amman and is already doing the same for this year. The idea behind his present series "Focus" is to highlight certain individuals who are practising in artistic professions and those who have contributed to Jordanian culture in one way or another.

One area on which much emphasis is being placed, from Director General Mohammad Kamai downwards, is the production of local children's programmes and the Head of children's programming is Margo

Malatjalian. Before her appointment at JTV in 1978, there was no regular planned policy for children's programmes and no section.

Since then things have rapidly improved and children now have one hour of local programmes and cartoons every evening. However, Miss Malatjalian feels very strongly that it is important to use television in a beneficial way for children and is at present implementing some of her own ideas in order to achieve this.

First, on the basis of her own research, in which she went out to schools all over Jordan to talk to both staff and pupils, she discovered there were many areas

where good locally produced programmes could make up for some of the shortcomings in the children's education.

"I discovered that our children do not read on their own at all," Miss Malatjalian told the Jordan Times. "This is maybe because the school often employs a very heavily academic curriculum which does not concentrate upon reading or the use of the library."

A new programme called "Our Library", which will encourage children to read, is being planned. This is "Little Hands", a programme designed to stimulate children into drawing, painting and making objects, since Miss Malatjalian

also found that art and handicrafts are not taught or encouraged to a sufficient extent.

Second, Miss Malatjalian wants to form a committee of educationalists, psychologists and sociologists who will help in the selection of the right material to broadcast.

"Children love cartoons, but that does not mean you should give them what they want all the time, in much the same way as you don't give them too much chocolate as it is bad for their teeth."

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One locally made programme which has been fulfilling these objectives well over the last two and a half years is the localised version of Thames Television's "Rainbow". Popular with preschool children, there are still about 30 episodes to come. Also to come will be more dramatisations of universally popular children's classics -- like the recent production JTV filmed of "The Pied Piper".

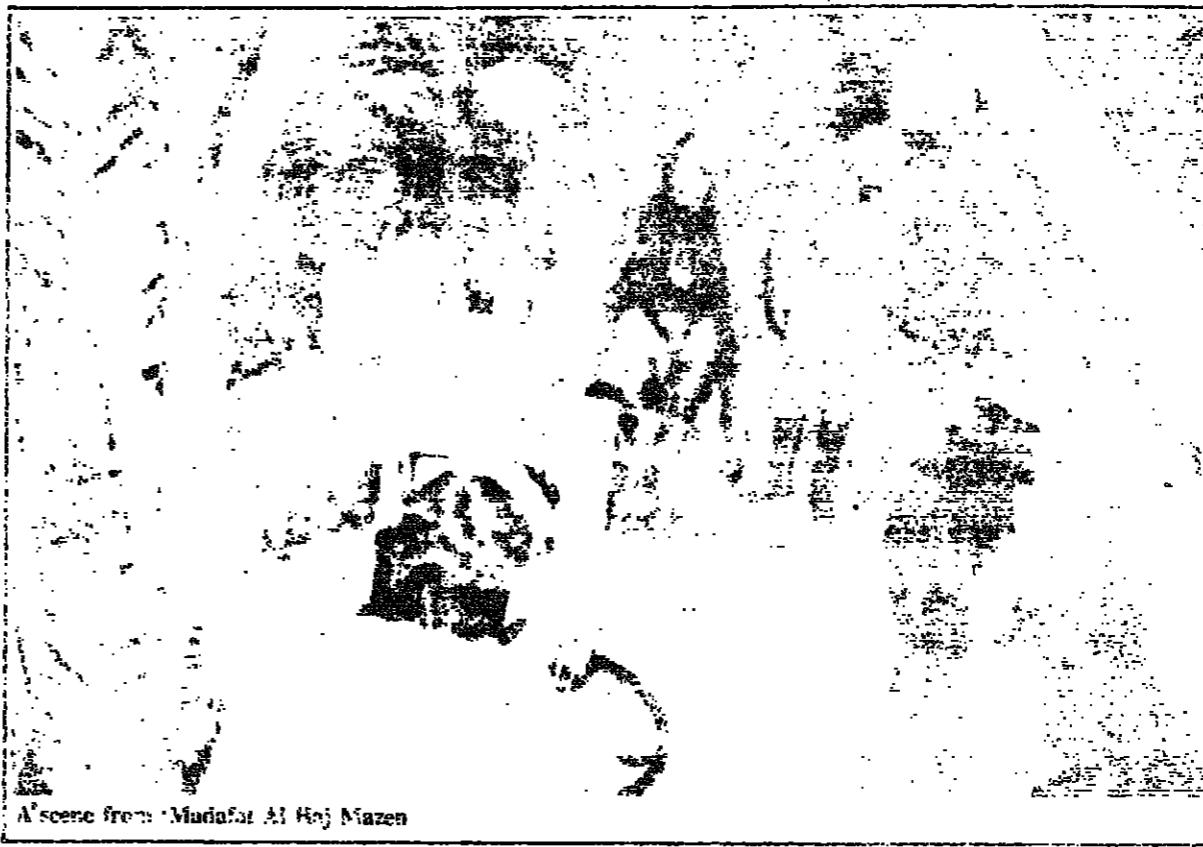
"I think with a bit of localisation and adaptation we can continue to use these stories until we reach the stage where our own writers can produce more relevant ones," said Miss Malatjalian.



Margo Malatjalian



Saad Al Fayyad



A scene from 'Madafat al Haj Mazen'

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

W. Bank returnee back for visit

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (J.T.) — Former Ramallah Mayor Nadim Zaru arrived here from the occupied West Bank today for a visit lasting several days. Mr. Zaru returned to his hometown on Nov. 6 after a 12-year exile imposed by the Israeli military authorities in the occupied territories. The former cabinet member told the Jordan Times he came here "to attend to his private business."

Employment up by 2,600

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (J.T.) — The number of workers in different establishments and industrial institutions in Jordan increased by 2,606 in October, over the 104,315 who were employed in September. Al Ra'i newspaper reported today. Labour inspectors made 691 inspection visits during October, and issued 45 warnings, 218 memos of advice and guidance and five fines to businesses who were not adhering to labour regulations. The Labour Department has also been able to resolve 68 complaints. The Ministry of Labour last month issued 164 work permits, approved 154 work contracts and approved overtime hours at three establishments.

Luncheon for departing French envoy

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Acting Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim gave a luncheon at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel this afternoon in honour of French Ambassador to Amman Claude Harel on the occasion of the end of the envoy's term in Jordan. Mr. Ibrahim made a speech praising Ambassador Harel's efforts in strengthening friendship between Jordan and France, and wished him success in his new assignment. Mr. Harel replied by praising the good relations between Jordan and France. The luncheon was attended by several heads of sections at the Foreign Ministry and the heads of diplomatic missions in Amman.

East German team meets officials

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — A meeting was held today at the Ministry of Industry and Trade between a visiting trade delegation from the German Democratic Republic and ministry officials, headed Under-Secretary Mohammad Al Horani. During the meeting, the two delegations reviewed economic and trade relations between the two countries, and the prospects of cooperation between them. During its four-day visit to Jordan, the delegation will meet several government and private sector officials to discuss trade relations between Jordan and the German Democratic Republic.

Labour aides to meet in Baghdad

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — The Ministry of Labour has received the agenda of the second conference of labour ministers of non-aligned and developing countries, scheduled to begin in Baghdad on Dec. 12. The agenda of the conference, which will last four days, includes the discussion of prospects for cooperation among non-aligned nations in vocational training, employment, manpower planning, wages, human resources, the employment of the disabled and the exchange of employment information.

Kuwait environment seminar set

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Jordan will participate in a symposium on the role of municipalities in environmental conservation, which will open in Kuwait on Dec. 15 at the invitation of the Arab Cities Organisation. Participants in the symposium will discuss the services which city governments can render, as well as their efforts to develop and train environmental conservation workers. The Jordanian delegation to the symposium will include delegates from Amman Municipality and the municipalities of Irbid, Karak, Aqaba, Madaba and Salt.

Karak farmers told to act fast

KARAK, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Karak Agriculture Department Director Mokhles 'Anmarin has urged local farmers to start planting their fields with vegetables now, to benefit from the rain. He said that the Rabbeh agricultural station has started selling improved strains of tomatoes to local farmers for JD 100 a tonne, to enable them to plant better crops at an early date. Weeds appearing in the fields at this time of the year can be removed by spraying the fields with herbicides, he said.

Telcoms union to meet in Tunis

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Jordan will participate in an Arab Telecommunications Union meeting which will open in Tunis tomorrow. The participants will discuss in the two-week meeting the union's general budget and several administrative matters. They will also discuss a project to establish a regional Arab telecommunications training institute that would furnish Arab countries with qualified staff to handle sophisticated modern equipment. Jordan's delegation to the meeting will be led by Telecommunications Corporation Director Mohammad Shahed Ismail, who left Amman today for this purpose.

New mayors to meet at seminar

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (J.T.) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment is preparing to hold a seminar for mayors elected in 1981, the local press reported. The mayors will listen to lectures on legal, administrative and organisational affairs, in addition to other topics relating to municipality work. The seminar will be held at the Jordan Institute of Public Administration.

City team back from 4-state tour

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — A delegation from Amman Municipality returned to Amman yesterday after paying visits to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia at the invitation of the Arab Cities Organisation. During its three-week tour, the delegation looked into these countries' systems of organising local markets, and the functions of wholesale markets and cooperative societies, the marketing of agricultural products and ways of controlling and testing the quality of food supplies. The delegation's members also held talks with officials in these four countries on facilitating the marketing of Jordanian agricultural products there.

DNLDA chief off to Germany

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Director General of National Libraries, Documentation and Archives Ahmad Sharafat left Amman for West Germany today, in response to an official invitation from the West German government to get acquainted with procedures of filing, documentation and libraries there. He will also get acquainted with documents and references related to Jordan on file in West Germany. The visit is part of a cultural cooperation programme between the two countries.

Gleaning ideas to help the disabled

By Samira Kawar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Nov. 23 — A meeting held here this morning brought together 100 experts on the care and rehabilitation of the handicapped to seek ways to benefit from international activities that have been held during 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons.

Minister of Social Development In'an Al Mufti — chairman of the national committee for the disabled persons' year — presided at the meeting, which was held under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma and Her Highness Princess Sarvath.

Mrs. Mufti moderated the open discussion that followed the presentation of working papers, and sketched the guidelines for the country's future policy on the care of the handicapped.

Speakers at the meeting, which was held at the Faculty of Commerce of the University of Jordan, delivered papers on the international conferences and events that they attended for the care, rehabilitation, education and integration of the handicapped.

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into society on an equal footing with other citizens.

Dr. Fawzi Daoud reviewed the discussions and recommendations of a Madrid conference, held last month, on the education and rehabilitation of the disabled. These recommendations included the adoption of measures to facilitate the rehabilitation and integration of the disabled into society at large.

Mr. Yousef Zo'ot briefed the meeting on the recommendations issued by a conference on the education and training of the handicapped recently held in Kuwait.

Participants in today's meeting also listened to a report by Mr. Khader Qubtan on the participation of Jordanians in the Tokyo Ablympics, and the accompanying seminar, which recommended that adequate employment opportunities be given to the disabled, that the quota system for the employment of the handicapped be discontinued and that incentives and training for the employment of the handicapped be increased.

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has registered a satisfactory increase over the past several years.

Col. Yousef Al Karimi, who was crippled by a car accident several years ago, shared with the participants his experience of a disabled sports competition in Britain last summer. He stressed that these competitions do not differ substantially from ordinary sports competitions, making it possible for any coach to train the handicapped in Jordan to participate in such international events.

The director of the rehabilitation centre at Al Bashir hospital, Dr. Zuheir Al Sabagh, briefed the meeting on a conference held in England during 1981 dealing with the humane values pertaining to the care of the handicapped.

Mrs. Mufti then broadly reviewed the national guidelines for future policy on the care of the handicapped. She pointed out that today's meeting was being convened to suggest ways of formulating a national policy that would ultimately lead to equality and social integration for the handicapped — a goal expressed by His Majesty King Hussein at the outset of the International Year of Disabled Persons.

Mrs. Mufti stressed the importance of rendering services to all the disabled in the country, by transcending the system of training and educating the handicapped in specialised private institutions. She also questioned the practice of training the handicapped in certain, conventional vocations instead of preparing them to assume more responsible jobs.

An open discussion ensued, with some degree of controversy on means of integrating the handicapped into the country's regular academic and vocational institutions. There was, however, a consensus on the necessity of such integration, with views differing on its extent and the degree of disablement that would be acceptable in such a process.

Mrs. Mufti suggested that an experiment be carried out by actually enrolling some disabled students in government schools, after preparing their staff to cope with the situation. The appropriate measures and legislation could then be put forward and enacted, she said.



Miss Aida Habib, a handicapped university student, listens to discussion at Monday's meeting on care for the disabled (Photo by Samira Kawar)

P.M. lifts car sale tax referral requirement

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran yesterday issued an official decree allowing the transfer of the ownership of vehicles from one person to another without referring the transaction to the Income Tax Department.

The new decree annuls one issued in 1969, which prohibited the registration of any transfer of vehicle ownership without Income Tax Department approval.

Income Tax Department Director General Abdullah Al Nsour, commenting on the new measure, said that although it directly affects the revenues of the department, it is desirable because the government has always sought to facilitate procedures for the citizens.

Dr. Nsour added that this step will put an end to problems which arise from car owners' practice of refraining from transferring legal ownership and, instead, giving buyers power of attorney. This, he said, can result in great difficulties for the Traffic Department in following up accidents and traffic violations.

The value of the equipment and machinery totals \$146,000. The contribution includes pickup

Yarmouk University president backs world peace day idea

IRBID, Nov. 23 (Petra) — Dr. Adnan Badran, the president of Yarmouk University and Chairman of the Middle East branch of the international federation of university presidents, has sent a letter to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim calling for the observance of a day of peace every year by the federation, in order to translate this noble ideal into tangible reality, particularly seeing that the world is full of areas of conflict and dispute endangering world peace.

Dr. Badran said in his letter that the establishment of a day of peace would strengthen the hopes of the nations of the world, and their march towards amity and mutual respect.

The federation recommended at its meeting, held in Costa Rica last July, that a day of peace be observed every year.

Swiss fund gives \$146,000 donation to conservation group

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature has recently received from an international conservation fund various equipment and machinery for use in the Shomari Wildlife Reserve and the Gulf of Aqaba, as part of an agreement between the two organisations.

The value of the equipment and machinery totals \$146,000. The contribution includes pickup

trucks, which will be used for patrols in the Shomari reserve; two motorcycles; three pairs of binoculars; one telescope; photography equipment, and wireless apparatus which will be installed on the patrol pickups to keep in contact with a central station at the society's building in Amman.

Some of the communications apparatus will be used by the society's patrol boats operating in the Gulf of Aqaba and the society's main centre in Aqaba, to monitor and control the pollution of the Gulf's waters.

The international fund has given the royal society, over the last five years, several donations of equipment, machinery and tools to build a fence around the Shomari reserve. The fund, based in Switzerland, is concerned with conservation and the protection of natural resources in developing countries, and with helping them to preserve their wildlife.

In a statement to Al Ra'i newspaper, Mr. Khreisat said that the plan was drawn up as a result of a report by 'Ain Al Basha Municipality and the committee for public safety on the health situation in the camp. He added that the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment has provided two new sewage tanks to serve the camp at a very low cost.

'Ain Al Basha to help out UNRWA on Baq'a sanitation

SWEILEH, Nov. 23 (J.T.) — Balqa Assistant Governor 'Ain Al Basha Municipal Council Chairman Khalil Khreisat has said that a large-scale working plan for health services in Baq'a refugee camp will be implemented in cooperation with the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

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UNRWA officials have welcomed a proposal that 'Ain Al Basha Municipality provide rubbish removal services for the camp, he said.

Mr. Khreisat said that the committee for public safety will apply very strict measures against camp residents who use rainwater drainage channels as sewers, because this poses a great danger to public safety and health inside the camp.

Balqa Governor Mohammad Al Khatib today discussed with UNRWA Director in Jordan John Tanner ways to protect public safety and ensure cleanliness in the Baq'a camp, in order to resolve all the problems resulting from the spread of the cholera epidemic last summer. They decided to expedite the construction of covered cement sewers, asphalt of major streets in the camp and the removal of garbage and sewage by truck.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- Photographs of UNICEF health, education, cultural and rehabilitation services in the Third World, at the Haya Arts Centre.
- The Contemporary Masters Exhibition, at the Alia Art Gallery.
- Paintings by Yasser Duwaik, at the Jordan Artists' Association Centre in Jabal Luweibeh.



His Majesty King Hussein congratulates a graduate at the Royal Military Academy Monday (Petra photo)

PLA cadets participate

Royal Military Academy graduates its 19th class

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein declared today that Jordan becomes more certain and convinced every day that the danger and evil harming Palestine and its people is a danger harming "all of us, our Arab Nation and all parts of our great homeland."

Addressing a ceremony marking the graduation of the 19th class of cadets from the Royal Military Academy today, King Hussein said Jordan has been constantly calling on the Arabs to pool all their resources and to unify their ranks to build their intrinsic strength.

Addressing the graduates, the King — the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces — said that the occasion was particularly significant because of the participation of "your brothers of the Palestine Liberation Army, and their sharing with you this honour and responsibility," exactly as other brothers from fraternal Arab armies have participated in previous training courses. "You

share with them the comradeship of arms, kinship, the one hope and common future," the King said.

The graduation ceremony began with the national anthem, after which the armed forces Mufti made a speech calling for the protection and defence of the homeland. He said: "These youth, who are 'full of vitality and courage, are graduated today to join the army and to raise the banner of justice and enrich our march until we achieve our goals."

The academy's commander also made a speech in which he reviewed the academy's efforts in military training and preparation, and in enriching the armed forces with youthful blood. For two years, he said, the graduates have been tutored in military science and other branches of knowledge, as well as the basic skills represented in the academic courses. These instilled in them faith in their God, homeland, and monarch, broadened their horizons and defined for them the sound path to follow in terms of a

noble code of ethics, supreme military ideals and sincere, honest work, he said.

King Hussein then distributed awards to the graduates with outstanding records.

The graduation ceremony was attended by the prime minister and defence minister, the speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, the chief of the royal court, the acting president of the National Consultative Council, the court minister, the chief chamberlain, the commander-in-chief of the armed forces, cabinet ministers, members of the Upper House of Parliament and the National Consultative Council, the military advisor of King Hussein, the chief of the general staff, high-ranking officers of the armed forces, general intelligence and Civil Defence, the commander of the Palestine Liberation Army in Jordan, the heads of Arab and foreign diplomatic missions and the military attaches accredited in Amman and the families of the graduates.

Pharmacists' congress urges clear plan from heads of state

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with the Zionist enemy." Under King Hussein's leadership, Jordan has confronted all conspiracies against the Arab Nation and the Palestinian cause," he said.

He said the pharmacists "support the Palestinian people's just struggle for self-determination under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

Mr. Jardaneh said the number of pharmacists in Jordan has quadrupled during the past decade, pharmaceutical establishments have more than tripled and the Jordanian pharmaceutical industry meets 22 per cent of the local consumption, in addition to exports.

The president of the Arab Pharmacists Federation, Tunisian Al Radi Al Jazi, announced in his speech that a "unified Arab character of the profession's ethics" has been drawn up and a fund has been established to support scientific research.

He said April 2, the day the first Arab pharmacists congress was held in Jerusalem in 1966, has been proclaimed "Arab Pharmacists Day."

He said the congress, held under the theme "The Future of the Pharmaceutical Professions in the Arab World", will discuss 105 papers relating to the future of the pharmacist until the year 2,000."

The 800 Arab pharmacists last night called on the Arab heads of state to "crystallise a clear

strategic plan" regarding the Palestinian problem.

The Higher Council of the pan-Arab Pharmacists Union said in a statement issued at the end of a two-day meeting here: "The leaders of the Arab states, who will meet in Fez, Morocco (on Wednesday) are called upon to crystallise a clear strategic plan regarding the Palestinian cause in general and the cause of Jerusalem, the crux of the crisis, in particular."

The statement urged "an end to Arab differences and a return to solidarity in the struggle against Zionism and all enemies of the Arab Nation."

It supported the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people" and called for "maintaining the unity of Lebanon's territory and people."

The higher council, which represents professional pharmacists associations in Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia, Sudan, Algeria, North Yemen and Palestine, as well as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Oman, urged the Arabs to "confront the (recently announced) American-Israeli strategic alliance which aims at fragmenting the Arab existence and tearing apart the unity of the Arab Nation."

It denounced Israel

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Blurred vision?

FRANCE, the United Kingdom, Italy and the Netherlands have announced their readiness to join the U.S.-sponsored peacekeeping force for the Sinai. Trying to avoid a political dispute with the United States and Israel, the four European Economic Community (EEC) members waited for a whole month before they could issue a joint statement on the subject. EEC officials have said a dispute with the United States and Israel over the wording had been settled.

The joint statement has affirmed the four countries' respective commitment to the 1980 Venice Declaration, in which the EEC implied that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) should be associated with any peace-making efforts that would lead to an overall settlement in the Middle East. The statement also insisted on justice for the Palestinian people and on recognising its right to self-determination. It considered the four European countries' support for the agreements relative to the implementation of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as "completely distinct from and independent from the Camp David Process."

From the start, the Arab countries' position—as represented by repeated statements from the Arab League Secretariat—has been against European participation in the Sinai force, since it would give impetus to the shallow peace of Camp David and would thus hinder genuine efforts to achieve real and lasting peace in the area.

Even though the Arab countries will not be blind to, or oblivious of, the positive elements in the European statement, they will still no doubt be dissatisfied with these countries' action, on the grounds that participation in the Sinai force will not be of any use to the mechanism of building durable peace and that it may actually disrupt the whole process.

We are of the opinion that the Europeans truly want peace to prevail in the Middle East. We also recognise that they have taken a number of positive steps towards achieving it. But we are anxious that in taking decisions like this, our friends in Europe should not stumble on Israeli intransigence and should not dwell on dead formulas and blurred visions.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Arabs, light a small candle

AL DUSTOUR: The Zionists are proceeding with implementing their schemes, giving a deaf ear to all voice crying for help or expressing protest in and outside the occupied homeland. The Zionists are Judaising the whole of Palestine.

On the other side of the picture, we see that disputes among the Arabs have been reactivated in the Western Sahara, Lebanon and on Chad. We also see foreign forces carrying out manoeuvres to invade Arab lands in cooperation with some Arab leaders; Iraq is bleeding and Arab potentials are of no effect.

In June, Israel destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor. Defying everybody, the Israeli leadership declared it will destroy any other nuclear reactor Iraq might build. The Israeli Defence Minister Sharon declared that Israel will undoubtedly go to war if it detects that any Arab state is trying to own nuclear weapons. Last year Israel decided to dig a canal between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.

A lot of things have happened. The Arab citizens have been hearing a lot about liberation, Arabism and Islam but have never heard about one single joint Arab action. It appears that we Arabs are going down and down.

The Arab citizen will approve of any resolution that will be adopted by the forthcoming Fez summit, but he will certainly reject any generalisations and hopes that will not be practical. The Arab citizen will not be hopeful again unless the Arab leaders come out from the Fez summit with totally different relations from those which they have now before going to the summit conference.

Are not there two, three or ten out of the 22 Arab states that want to work, driven by their commitment to their Arab affiliation, in order to come out with a blazing Arab action that can eliminate this feeling of being lost? Is it not time for the Arabs to defend their dignity trodden by the enemies?

We want the Fez summit to yield serious Arab work, no matter how small. We want Fez to light a small candle. We have been cursing darkness for a long time.

Solidarity is the only option

AL RA'IS: Reports from Morocco stress that the Arab leaders who will meet for their 12th Arab summit conference in Fez on Wednesday will concentrate their efforts on the major subject of Arab solidarity.

Arab solidarity will receive a great deal of attention at the Fez summit conference due to the current state of political anxiety being witnessed in the Arab region. This situation necessitates a review of the Arab stands in order to materialise a united Arab fold whose efforts must be directed at getting out of this critical situation.

The challenges facing the Arab Nation no longer allow for the presence of "Arab solidarity" as a slogan. It must be put to practice so as to measure up to these challenges.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem yesterday explained that Arab solidarity means a firm and united Arab stand on the Palestinian issue and vis-a-vis the continued Zionist occupation of the Arab territories. It also means firmly confronting the various forms of aggression against the Arab Nation. Arab solidarity means the establishment of a united economic structure that can enable the Arab Nation to have its own free will to regain its rights through its own intrinsic capabilities.

The sort of Arab solidarity needed is that which takes Arab joint action from chanting slogans into really putting them into practice. Arab solidarity is the only option capable of giving this nation the hope in salvation.

POLITICAL HORIZON

The Saudi peace plan and the Israeli reaction

By Dr. Kamel S. Abu Jaber

IN ATTACKING the peace plan proposed by Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia, Israeli Prime Minister Begin reverted once again to his deliberate over-exaggeration. In a letter to President Reagan, Mr. Begin denounced the plan as "sophisticated proposals aimed at Israel's gradual destruction". How such a destruction will be achieved when the plan is of peace not war, Mr. Begin did not tell.

Later, Israeli and Zionist mass media instruments went into high gear in attacking the plan for peace. Among other things, the Israeli-Zionist media claimed that the plan does not mention Israel by name, and it simply refers to peace among all nations of the area.

In his letter to President Reagan, Mr. Begin stated:

"Not once does the plan refer to Israel, since in their eyes

Israel is not a country but a Zionist entity". Few days later, a "national" Israeli delegation, composed of the representatives of the various Israeli political parties, left for the United States to explain Israeli opposition to the plan.

This active Israeli opposition notwithstanding, the Saudi peace plan is a major Arab policy statement of vast significance.

The fact that some

Arab countries have also voiced some opposition or reservations to the peace plan does not lessen its significance. It is the first time in more than three decades that an Arab state has come up with a coherent and comprehensive plan of peace. Unlike the late President Sadat's initiative and sudden initiative, this plan seems to have been thoroughly researched and studied. It also touches on all the major issues comprising the Middle East

problem. It is a major Arab concession from the United Nations' Partition Plan of 1947 and has had the foresight to anticipate the rise of certain difficulties. Thus it provides for a brief United Nations trusteeship in the West Bank and Gaza. It also provides for a guarantee of any agreement based on the plan, by the United Nations or some of its members.

The plan takes into account the security requirements of all states in the area, thus providing for a guarantee of the right of all states in the region to live in peace. In short, the plan seems to be a realistic approach to the problems of the area and takes a long view of the region's desire for peace. It recognises that unless the Palestinians are allowed their right of self-determination within their own state, with East Jerusalem as its capital, no

peace will be achieved in the area. It is a peace plan, and not a plan for a truce of short duration. It is a plan providing for the peoples and religions of the area to live in the promise of the future and not the haunting fears and hatred of the past.

Adding to its significance is

the fact that it was proposed by Saudi Arabia whose sense of direction and moderation cannot be doubted. Surely Israeli or non-Israeli leaders must be aware of Saudi Arabia's venerable position in the Islamic world, not to mention its position within the Arab World itself as well as that within the Third World.

If anything, the Saudi leadership has been steady as well as moderate. And while many thoughtful Arabs may question the right of one state to conclude peace unilaterally, no one can question either the sincerity or integrity of the effort,

however much discussion or debate it may generate.

In their characteristically cautious and moderate style, the Saudi leaders advanced their plan for debate. Later they discussed it at the Gulf summit meeting, and it has been put on the agenda of the forthcoming Arab summit meeting to be held in Fez tomorrow.

In commenting on Israeli opposition to the plan, Saudi Information Minister Mohammad Abd Yaman said: "Israel by turning down the (Saudi) plan, has proved that it does not want peace, but on the contrary, it wants capitalisation solutions."

For many Arabs, Israeli rejection of this overture for peace is understandable in the light of its aggressive and expansionist record. It is hoped that the world, which is watching the dangerous spectacle, will not forget the lesson.

Latin America is opposed to any U.S. intervention in Cuba and Nicaragua, Claude Regin reports

America, keep out

BUENOS AIRES — Latin American nations, even those who share the Reagan administration's hardline anti-Communist stand, are firmly opposed to any U.S. intervention in Nicaragua and Cuba.

Concern is growing across the continent at reports that the United States has contingency plans to stop the alleged flow of arms to leftist insurgents in El Salvador through military action against leftist-ruled Nicaragua and Communist Cuba.

Sixteen years ago, the administration of the late President Lyndon Johnson persuaded the Organisation of American States (OAS) to back its military intervention in the Dominican Republic.

Washington sent 40,000 marines to end civil war in the Caribbean nation. They were later joined by a small number of troops from five OAS countries, among them Brazil.

Such Latin-American backing of a U.S. intervention in either Nicaragua or Cuba would be unthinkable today.

Staunchly anti-Communist countries such as Brazil and Argentina or democratically-ruled Colombia and Venezuela, despite current disputes with Cuba, are firmly committed to the principle of non-intervention.

Sixteen years after its participation in the Dominican landing, Brazil has become a firm proponent of the principle of non-intervention in the central American area.

The Brazilian government is careful to keep its distance from the United States and not tarnish its third world credentials. Its stance on Nicaragua, El Salvador and other central American countries, restated at regular intervals by officials, is that democracy and self-determination should be encouraged, but the superpowers should keep out.

The Argentine military establishment is reliably reported to be divided on the issue but the official line put forward repeatedly by Foreign Minister Oscar Camilini, a civilian, is that Argentina adheres to the principle of non-intervention in the area.

Despite frequent unconfirmed reports that Argentine military advisers are helping Salvadorean troops fight leftist guerrillas, analysts in Buenos Aires say many factors militate against the government openly backing a U.S. intervention in central America.

Argentina is in the midst of its worst ever economic crisis and has commercial and economic relations with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

A majority of Latin American nations criticised a joint French-Mexican statement last August recognising the Salvadorean insurgents as a "politically representative force."

Analysts said this was mainly because the statement went against the principle of non-intervention and risked internationalising the conflict still further.

No country is more fiercely hostile to a U.S. military adventure against Nicaragua or Cuba than Mexico.

In a visit last year to Havana, President Jose Lopez Portillo said: "We shall not tolerate anything being undertaken against Cuba because we should feel as if it were undertaken against ourselves."

Earlier this year after anti-Cuban statements from Washington, Mr. Lopez Portillo pointedly said that Cuba was the country "Dearest to Mexico."

Mexico's stand on Nicaragua runs much along the same lines. Visiting Nicaragua recently, Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda said: "The two countries have always been unified and will always remain so, above all in the troubled times that await us."

He stressed that the Mexican, Cuban and Nicaraguan revolutions were linked by their "just aspirations."

Colombia, which severed diplomatic ties with Cuba last March over alleged Cuban involvement in the country's leftist guerrilla activities, sees intervention from any side as a danger for the whole of Latin America.

"We are witnessing an interventionist trend which would be disastrous for the continent," the Colombian foreign minister said.

— Reuters



the private sector for decentralisation if its primary motivation was perceived to be not economic and social but political."

However, industrial decentralisation and Home Land development are at least areas where Mr. Botha's government has a policy. Furthermore, it is no disaster that Mr. Botha's other concept of a "constellation of states" of Southern Africa looks like a non-starter. A confederation may well emerge as a more realistic idea. Rather, the complaint of the last few years has been that in many areas Mr. Botha has been hesitant and indecisive.

On the other hand, many of the labour reforms of the Wiehahn Commission have been implemented and last week Mr. Botha said he accepted "in principle" the Viljoen Committee's recommendations to meet the appalling shortage of black housing.

These are just a few examples of finding a place for the coloureds and Indians in some sort of joint, probably tri-cameral parliamentary system. For mysterious reasons the council has just been directed to shift its attention to local government and is not expected to come up with proposals on the central issue until 1983.

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The conclusion, then, is that the South African government is largely reacting to events rather than taking the initiative in shaping the future. There is general agreement about the nature of the central issues: education, labour, influx control, housing, rural poverty, urbanisation — all of them relating to the simple projection that in a mere 18 years' time, in the year 2000, there will be 37 million blacks (now there are 21 million blacks excluding the "independent" Bantustans) and the whites will have declined from the present 16 per cent to 11 per cent of the population.

More ominously for Mr. Botha, the right wing within the National Party is flexing a considerable muscle. Its leader is the cabinet minister and Transvaal party boss Dr. Andries Treurnicht — who rejoices in the nickname "Dr. No". At this month's Transvaal Party congress, Mr. Botha was impulsive and subdivided while Dr. No was widely agreed to have consolidated his claim to be an alternative, or successor, premier. Dr. Treurnicht is an arch-verkrampte who likes to quote Calvin ("The forcing together of different peoples is tyranny").

But it is not simply that Mr. Botha and his verklige ministers have to cope with rivals and opponents. An even more effective brake is their horror of dividing the Afrikaner volk. Mr. Botha seems as scared of precipitating this as of his predecessors.

(His critics reply that the Afrikaners are already split and he should acknowledge this and rule the country from the middle ground. Other critics add that all this proves that the South African system will only change substantially if it comes under the most irresistible force. Which

would probably have to be some form of violence. For how many whites will give up their "douceur de vivre" (unless revolution is perceived to be beating on the door?)

So while the verklige despair, and "P W" procrastinates, the initiative is taken up elsewhere. Chief Buthelezi is consolidating his role as a national black leader.

The black trade union leaders have realised their power and are learning to wield it, and every white businessman is having to rethink his labour policy. The African National Congress guerrillas may not yet be a great military threat but sabotage has become, weekly news here and no one doubts that it will get worse.

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Dr. Dawie de Villiers, ex-Springbok captain, ex-domine of the Dutch Reformed Church, ex-ambassador to London, present minister of commerce and industries and a man to watch, has been telling the story of the teetotaller guest at a cocktail party.

"Take that stuff away," he proclaimed as the waiter approached with his tray. "I would rather commit adultery than touch a glass of alcohol ..."

His neighbour hastily summoned the waiter and gave him his half-empty glass. "Take mine away too," he said. "I hadn't realised we had a choice..."

Mr. de Villiers is presumably making a point about mis-understanding alternatives. It is not unfair to say that Mr. Botha also gives the impression these days of being unable or unwilling to judge alternatives, or make firm choices about South Africa's way ahead.

SPORTS

W. Indies play Australia in Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Big scores from Greg Chappell and Allan Border are essential when Australia meets world champions West Indies at the Sydney Cricket ground here tomorrow. This is the first appearance of the West Indians in Sydney and the day-night Benson and Hedges clash with Australia is a perfect launching pad for the popular Caribbean cricketers.

Both Chappell and Border were early victims of Pakistani medium pacer Sikander Bakht in Melbourne yesterday and the Australian lineup isn't sharp enough yet to survive failures by both in the same innings.

Test opener Bruce Laird is an almost certain inclusion in the Australian line-up at the expense of spinner Bruce Yardley.

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More records for Guiness book

LONDON, Nov. 23 (R) — A haggis, an oatmeal pudding of lungs and liver boiled in a sheep's stomach, was thrown more than 49.7 metres by Alan Pettigrew at the Ardrossan Highland Games in Scotland this year—a new world record.

A second haggis record was broken when Peter Dowdeswell threw 737 grams in 50 seconds in Bristol, England.

The same man also holds 11 other records for consuming beer, cels, pies, milk, pancakes, jam butties (sandwiches), prunes, eggs, shrimp, cheese and potatoes.

These midgets of obscure information come to light in the 1982 edition of the world's best known keeper of records, first published in 1955 to settle arguments in English pubs.

The Guiness Book of Records, published by Guiness superlatives and edited by Norris McWhirter, has now sold more

than 42 million copies in 10 languages.

The sports section also provides background to almost every sport from aerobatics to yachting, including rodeo, bullfighting and pele—the world's fastest ball game.

Did you know that the ancient game of pok-ta-pok, played by the Olmecs in Mexico in the 10th century B.C., is the ancestor of today's basketball?

The German game of heidenwerfen—which means "throwing pagans"—was in fact nine pins and later grew to ten pins after it was exported to America in the 17th century.

Sport is growing with the times. An estimated 70,000 runners took part in the annual round the bays 10.5 km run in Auckland, New Zealand, on March 28 this year.

But in the animal kingdom a racehorse, Easy Jet, surpassed all rivals except a few of the richest human multi-millionaires when it

was syndicated for stud in the United States this year for \$30m.

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One of the latest sportsmen to make a claim is a retired miner from Czechoslovakia who headed a football 6,125 times in 47 minutes.

Jan Melisik, the 59-year-old ex-miner, suffered a severe heart attack two years ago but has still trained 90 minutes daily for the past 13 years.

The most testing feat of all perhaps belongs to the late Terry Fox, a cancer victim who ran 5,374 km in 143 days across Canada last year, raising nearly \$10 m for cancer research on his "marathon of hope."

To deter the lunatic fringe, the editor says records for eating such potentially dangerous things as live ants and raw eggs with shells will not be published.

El Salvador, Honduras qualify

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov. 23 (R) — Host side Honduras and El Salvador will travel to Spain next year for the World Soccer Cup finals after a disappointing three-week qualifying (CONCACAF) tournament ended here today.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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North-South vulnerable.
East deals.

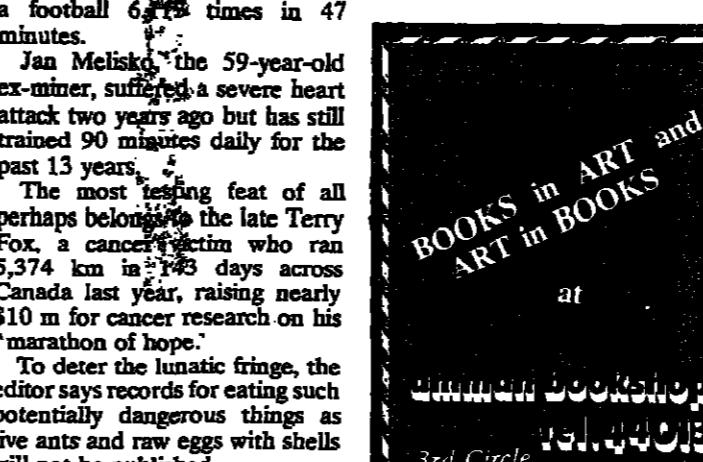
NORTH
♦ 109
♥ 964
♦ QJ85
♦ 9875

WEST EAST
♦ 7643 ♦ AKJ85
♥ QJ10875 ♥ A32
♦ 964 ♦ AK3
♦ Void ♦ 102

SOUTH
♦ Q2
♥ K
♦ 1072
♦ AKQJ643

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♦ 3 NT Pass Pass
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Queen of ♦.

Fortunately for the defenders, West could not lead a club even if he wanted to. Instead, he made his natural lead of the queen of hearts. East rose with the ace and declarer's king was a pleasant surprise for the defenders! To cut a long story short, when the queen of spades dropped as well, the defenders ended up collecting all thirteen tricks for a penalty of 2,600 points. Even that was not a record for the European Championship. However, North's comment at the end is worth preserving for the record: "Well, we're an old partnership. It happens to us all the time!"



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The oil industry

Experience as important as capital

To launch your own oil company successfully you may need as little as a thousand dollars. David Chalmers found. The other ingredient is 25 years' experience.

By Paul Perez

How do you build an integrated oil company in eight years starting off with \$1000 in the bank? The answer is by the Chalmers method.

David Chalmers is a Texan oilman. He is 56, tall and looks like a Texas oilman. He is self-effacing, speaks in quiet drawl and is most comfortable when talking about oil. Today he is president and sole owner of Coral Petroleum, a private oil company which, with a turnover of \$5.5 billion in 1980-81, put it among the top five oil companies based in Houston, the undisputed capital of the U.S. oil business.

He started Coral Petroleum in 1973. "You will probably find it hard to believe, but I took a thousand bucks, put it in the bank, and that was the capital of the company." He has never looked back.

Listening to Chalmers, you could believe that there is nothing easier than starting an oil company. You do not even need much capital. But his company grew out of 25 years' experience in the industry.

Chalmers went to an Ivy League college. When he left Dartmouth, he decided to become a roughneck on an oil rig and started to learn the business from the ground up. He then went to work for a small independent company as a land manager, buying and administering leases. The company was subsequently bought by Texaco.

the large diversified energy company where Chalmers became an executive in the oil supply and distribution part of the business.

"That was a unique place to be," he recalls. "It's the hub of the wheel." From this position involving the sale and acquisition of oil, the distribution of the company's oil production, and basically overseeing the oil coming in and then going out for processing in refineries, Chalmers soon became familiar not only with the domestic industry but with the broad international oil scene.

And with this experience behind him, he went off in 1967 to work for one of the mavericks of the American oil industry, Dr. Armand Hammer of Occidental Petroleum.

Initially he looked after Occidental's European operations from Houston, commuting regularly to Europe. In May 1968, he became president of Jefferson Lake Petrochemicals of Canada, a Calgary-based outfit, 58 per cent owned by Occidental.

Five years later he decided to go to the bank and lay down his thousand dollars.

Coral Petroleum did not start along the conventional lines of an integrated oil company but as an oil and gas trading company.

"Primarily this was a way of generating instant cash flow with the idea of taking the cash flow from the trading operations and putting it into hard assets, both in the ground and in the distribution

end," says Chalmers.

The trading business developed. Chalmers' activities became more sophisticated and he started building up some staff. He also started processing oil in third party refineries. And as the cash flow grew, he was able to finance more deals and more complex ventures.

Finally, in May 1975, he bought his first real asset. He purchased a tiny refinery in Alabama called Vulcan Asphalt with a 2,500 barrels a day capacity. "A piece of junk, really, in the middle of nowhere," Chalmers says flatly. But the refinery has since been upgraded and refines up to 12,000 barrels a day of heavy Venezuelan crude.

Concurrently, Chalmers was expanding his trading activities in the international sector from his company's subsidiary offshoot in Bermuda. He built up more cash flow and in the latter part of the 1970s started putting money into other people's exploration programmes. Today, Coral owns 130,000 net acres of oil and gas land holdings in North America.

Always hungry for expansion -- both at the upstream and the downstream end of the business -- in 1977 Chalmers started acquiring shares of Pacific Resources, which owns a 65,000 barrels a day refinery in Hawaii.

By last year, Chalmers had accumulated about 10 per cent of Pacific Resources. He was elected to the company's board although the Hawaiian company has always been wary in the past of letting non-islanders, fearful that non-islanders might threaten the company's loyalty to Hawaii and the island's oil supplies.

To show that Pacific Resources -- or Hawaii for that matter -- need not be concerned by his Texan drawl, Chalmers established Honolulu as the headquarters of Coral Industries, the new holding company for the entire Coral Petroleum group. He

also gave \$500,000 to the University of Hawaii to fund an energy chair in Coral's name.

But Chalmers and Pacific Resources then got into a scrap. Chalmers indicated that he intended to increase his holding to at least 15 per cent, while Pacific Resources entered into a Letter of Intent with the Kuwait National Oil Company to set up a joint venture whereby the Hawaiian company would transfer its refinery to join ownership while Kuwait would provide \$185 million in cash and guarantee the refinery 50 per cent of its crude oil supply needs.

To block Chalmers, Pacific Resources filed a suit alleging that he was attempting a takeover of the company. Chalmers countered. Finally after the usuals, the matter was settled out of court. Chalmers left the Pacific Resources board, sold the company of his sons and agreed not to buy any of the company's stock for ten years. But he got to keep money out of it, he says.

But the Pacific Resources saga was not the only thing ailing the Chalmers' oil empire. In 1980, he bought United Refining Company of Warren, Pennsylvania, for \$1 million in cash. "The deal was last December and finalized in February," he says. And with United Refining, he acquired a company with more than \$300 million in annual sales, 1500 barrels-a-day refinery, and a 1000 acre-neck of 350 service stations, of which 420 are gas stations and the remainder independent oil companies. The deal, he says, was to be used to expand the company's number of oil refineries, including Minette, Vaca, Shreveport, and Port Arthur.

Although he is not looking for the perfect answer, he is a result of the general decline of market. Chalmers says, "We recently committed five years to make money, not a lot but then lots of companies lost money."

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Irish Protestants militant as IRA hurts 2 Britons

LONDON, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — A booby-trapped IRA bomb, disguised as a toy gun, exploded this morning outside a British Army base at Woolwich, southeast London, injuring two soldier's wives, police said.

The child's plastic toy had been packed with 60-83 grammes of explosives and was rigged with an anti-handling device, said Commander Mike Richards, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch.

One of the women lost three toes from her right foot in the blast and was in serious condition.

The IRA said in a statement issued through its provisional Sinn Fein headquarters in Belfast: "The Irish Republican Army claim responsibility for the bomb attack this morning at Woolwich barracks."

The attack came on the day when Protestants in Northern Ireland planned a "day of action" to protest British failure to clamp down on the mostly Roman Catholic IRA, which is fighting a guerrilla campaign to end British

rule in the province.

The two women were walking a pair of dogs outside the gates of Government House, garrison headquarters, when the labrador saw the toy and began sniffing it, an army spokesman said. The dog apparently set off the device, and in the explosion one of the women lost three toes.

A neighbour of the seriously injured woman, Leonore Butler, 26, said Mrs. Eadsforth, "was always very, very careful. Knowing her husband was in the army, she checked everything, even under the car."

Other neighbours expressed outrage at the IRA's choice of disguise for its bomb.

"I have two young children and they could easily have picked this up," said Sandra Loader, 36. "It's disgusting."

Thai restaurant serves people with queer tastes

BANGKOK, Nov. 23 (R) — "Pass the tiger, please." The plate is pushed across a table at the "Jungle Restaurant" on the outskirts of Bangkok.

The place is an edible zoo. Snakes doze in their cages waiting to be made into soup. Others, a step closer to the kitchen, hang dead by their heads, stiff, forked tongues protruding.

Remains of other beasts on the bill of fare — antlers, skulls and skins — decorate the outdoor thatch and bamboo dining room.

A tin pan of entrails sits by the cages of assorted furry creatures, including mongooses and an unrecognisable bear-like animal which the restaurant staff describe as a "pet".

Much of the menu here, stir-fried tiger in particular, is on the endangered species list. "Killing wild animals — even deer — is illegal in Thailand," explained one of the many Bangkok residents

who are regular customers here. "But since the animals are already dead we might as well eat them."

The restaurant, owned by an army sergeant "with connections" receives regular deliveries of jungle animals from hunters, the staff said, but would not go into details.

"Nobody knows exactly where the animals come from, but they told me that if I caught a snake on the street they would buy it," one customer said.

King cobra is one of the most popular items on the menu, delicious, if stringy, in soup or deep fried.

Whiskey bottles purporting to contain king cobra blood ("good for circulation") snake gall ("a muscle relaxant") are sold for about 300 baht (\$15) a waitress said.

"The men like king cobra because it's an aphrodisiac," she said.

Making the Soviets feel bad with 'Zero Option'

By Robert H. Reid

BONN, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev is likely to be under pressure during his four-day visit here to respond favourably to U.S. President Ronald Reagan's recent arms control proposals.

Last week, Mr. Reagan offered to forego deployment of U.S. Cruise and Pershing II missiles in return for dismantling Soviet medium range rockets. The official Soviet press denounced the offer as "propagandistic" and designed to guarantee U.S. military superiority in Europe.

But the Reagan formula has been well received by the West German government and general public. And the Bonn government hopes for some sign from Mr. Brezhnev that he is not prepared to reject the formula out of hand.

U.S. negotiators will formally propose the arrangement when Soviet-American arms control talks begin next Monday in Geneva, Switzerland.

Prior to Mr. Reagan's offer at a speech last Wednesday in Washington, many West Germans were seeing the United States as the principal obstacle to East-West arms control.

Observers pointed to the failure of the U.S. Senate to ratify the SALT II treaty with Moscow as a major factor in the emergence of peace demonstrations in Bonn, Paris, Rome, London and Amsterdam. Many influential Soviets, including U.S. expert Georgi Arbatov and central committee spokesman Leonid Zamyatin, have travelled to West Germany to express their view that Moscow is eager for arms control.

Moscow has so far rejected the Reagan formula, insisting that the United States also negotiate reductions in Western European bases from which bombers and missiles could be launched against Soviet targets.

Pravda, the official voice of the Soviet Communist Party, repeated the criticism yesterday in an article which also described Mr. Brezhnev's visit to West Germany as of considerable importance "for security in Europe."

But Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has made clear he will press the Soviet leader to accept the Reagan formula, known here as the "Zero Option."

Influential members of Mr. Schmidt's Social Democratic Party, including several opponents of U.S. defence policy, have for months been urging Washington to accept the "Zero Option" as a negotiating position.

Mr. Schmidt pointed to Mr. Reagan's speech as a victory for West German diplomacy. The chancellor has not hesitated to take credit for moulding U.S. thinking on the issue of arms control.

By offering this formula, Mr. Reagan has temporarily outmanoeuvred many of his Western European critics who said the U.S. administration was not serious about arms control.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher sent a subtle reminder to the Kremlin when he told a West German newspaper:

"The Soviet leadership should very seriously consider whether it really wants to reject the important proposals of the American government for disarmament and arms control and for cooperation between East and West."

West Germany press reports indicate that despite his public championing of the "Zero Option," Mr. Schmidt privately doubts the Soviets will accept it without compromise.

Critics note that the Soviets would have to agree to substantial reductions in the number of weapons already deployed — a step which would be unprecedented for them.

In addition, the Soviets have maintained consistently that their SS-20 missiles have not upset the balance of power in Europe but restored it. The Russians say the United States is in effect asking them to reduce their nuclear weapons without any provisions for curtailing British and French nuclear systems which remain at the West's disposal.

It was the fifth IRA bombing in London in a six-week blitz that has taken three lives and injured a total of 40. The first target, on Oct. 10, was a busload of Irish Guardsmen. Twenty-two guardsmen were hurt and two civilian bystanders killed in that blast.

Commander Richards said today's device was spotted last night by military personnel at the Royal Artillery barracks but they thought it was just a toy dropped by a child.

"It is the fifth different type of device that has been used during the present campaign on the mainland," he said.

One nearby resident, Lillian Guy, 53, who lives 50 metres from the site, said: "I wondered what the hell was happening and raced to my balcony. I looked to government house and saw a woman lying on the pavement covered in blood."

Northern Ireland's Protestants, meanwhile, will show today how far they support the Rev. Ian Paisley, the fiery politician who has called a day of demonstrations against the British government.

He has accused London of moves to unite the mainly Protestant province with the predominantly Roman Catholic Irish Republic. Last night he told Protestants from the pulpit of his Belfast church: "That will never be. Over our dead bodies only can that be achieved."

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Opposition protests IMF loan to India

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23 (R) — Opposition groups attacked Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government today over \$5.8 billion loan it has negotiated with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

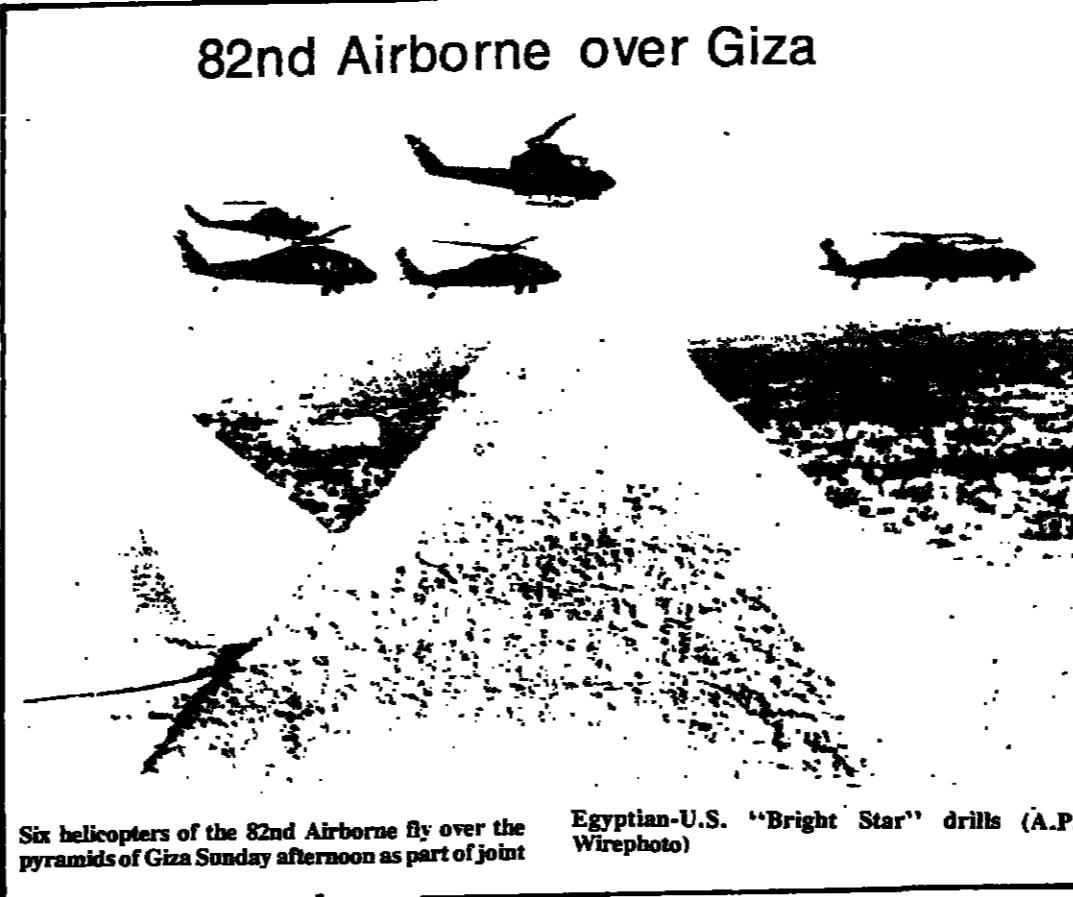
The government was also criticised for its new anti-strike powers and over the casts-killing of 24 untouchables (Harijans) in northern India last week.

The controversies dominated the resumption of parliament after a recess.

Most opposition members walked out of the lower house (Lok Sabha) when they failed to get an immediate debate on the controversial IMF loan. They said they wished to censure the government for by-passing parliament in concluding the loan. Finance Minister Ramaswami Venkateswaran told the house that the rupee would not be devalued as a loan condition.

Opposition groups called for a full debate on the massacre by upper-caste Hindus of the Harijans in a village in Uttar Pradesh state.

One member said the Harijans were unarmed while the killers had modern weapons.



Egyptian-U.S. "Bright Star" drills (A.P. Wirephoto)

Polish dissident freed after questioning

WARSAW, Nov. 23 (A.P.) — Polish dissident leader Jacek Kuron said today he answered "standard questions" and was freed without charges after police raided a meeting in his apartment yesterday.

"Just a few small, conventional questions, that's all," Mr. Kuron said in a telephone interview.

"Nothing interesting, and no charge."

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